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Dear Mr. Holloway:

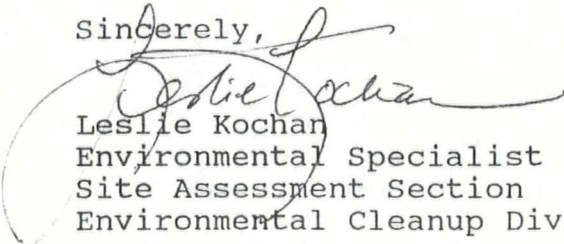
The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has completed a preliminary assessment of the Joslyn Sludge Pond/Columbia Steel property under an agreement with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). EPA has completed its review of the assessment. A copy of the report without the attachments is enclosed.

Based on the preliminary assessment, DEQ recommended this site as a medium priority under EPA due to its potential for ranking under EPA's Revised Hazard Ranking System (RHRS). DEQ also recommended that further action at the site be addressed under state oversight as long as the companies involved were willing to enter into a Consent Order with DEQ.

EPA agreed that there are RHRS concerns at the site and plans to rescore the site once the RHRS is final. I am sending EPA a copy of the Letter Agreement and will send a copy of the Consent Order once it has been signed.

If you have further questions, please contact me at (503)229-6132.

Sincerely,


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